

SEND VILLA'S BODY TO BORDER, CLAIM

GAVIRA SURE
THAT BANDIT
CHIEF IS DEAD

Mexican Officer at Juarez
Convinced Reports Are
Well Founded.

BUT THERE IS DOUBT

Lack of Confirmation of the
Message Makes Border
Folk Skeptical.

Douglas, Ariz., April 17.—General Arnulfo Gomez left Agua Prieta last night for Colonia Morelos.

It is reported that General Gomez has received orders from Minister of War Obregon to proceed with his troops to Chihuahua.

San Antonio, Tex., April 17.—Unless the body reported to be that of Francisco Villa is brought to El Paso, the matter of identification probably will not come to the attention of the military officials, it was announced at General Funston's headquarters today. General Funston is without official knowledge of the question of Villa's death.

It must be established beyond any doubt that the bandit leader is dead before military authorities will relax the campaign they have been pushing against him for the last month.

El Paso, April 17.—Confirmation of Mexican reports that Francisco Villa's body had been exhumed at San Francisco Borja and was being brought to Chihuahua, was still lacking at the headquarters of the de facto government at Juarez today.

Gabriel Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, awaited information from official sources that would dispel any question of doubt over the reports of the finding of the bandit's body but no messages regarding Villa were received.

"I still feel reasonably certain that the message received Sunday over the Mexican land lines that Villa's body had been found is correct," said Andres Garcia, Mexican consul here, today. "I shall make every effort to have the body brought to Juarez, where scores of American who knew him may make an investigation that will be completely satisfactory to the American people. We should have some official information about the Villa reports today."

Are Without Information.
De facto government officials were not able to give any information regarding an unofficial dispatch from Mexico City stating that Minister of War Obregon had announced that Villa's body was buried at San Francisco Borja and was not enroute to Chihuahua City.

Official word from Washington that the United States troops would be immediately withdrawn from Mexico if Villa was dead will undoubtedly result in expediting the efforts of the de facto government to ascertain the truth of the reports of the locating of Villa's body and to make a full and satisfactory identification. If the supposed body of the bandit is still interred at San Francisco Borja, as stated in latest Mexico City advices, it will likely be many days before an identification can be made unless the Mexican government accepts as final the identification made by Carranza officers now in the vicinity of San Francisco Borja, which is 30 miles by trail south of Cusi.

May Be Hard to Identify.

Identification of the body at this time may also prove baffling. According to the reports from Mexico City, Villa has been dead over two weeks and physical changes may be such as to preclude any positive proof that the dead man was Villa. Mexican officials here said that the United States government undoubtedly would accept the identification if made by responsible Mexican citizens and officials who knew Villa.

Report Lacks Confirmation.

Disappointment was freely expressed here today over the lack of any official confirmation of the death of Francisco Villa. Mexican officials here and in Juarez, while still professing confidence in the truth of the report, could offer no explanation as to the silence of Colonel Carlos Carranza and the other officers and officials who were reported to have the body of the bandit in charge.

A number of newspaper correspondents and a few other Americans left here early today for Chihuahua in the hope that the story of the finding of Villa's body was true.

Several other Americans who at first

American is
Hurton Ship
Sunk by Sub

Washington, April 17.—One of two Americans aboard the Russian steamship Imperator from Gulfport, Miss., for Marseilles, France, was wounded when the vessel was fired upon without warning by an Austrian submarine off the Columbre Islands according to official advices to the state department today.

The American injured was Gustav Olson, whose father is bandmaster at Fort Warren, Boston. The other American who was aboard was Einar Swenson, whose brother is foreman of a Minneapolis furniture factory.

The state department's information came from the American consul at Barcelona, Spain. He said the ship was fired upon without warning on April 11. Three shots were fired, one taking effect. The vessel was set afire by the submarine. Olson was reported to be in a hospital at Barcelona, suffering from shrapnel wounds.

had intended to go, abandoned the trip, some through skepticism and others because of rioting that was reported here to have occurred in the Mexican state capital during the last two days.

Messages received here in regard to this rioting stated that there had been no anti-American outbreak but that the trouble was due solely to the desperate condition of the masses of the people who were facing starvation. Corn is selling in Chihuahua at two pesos, worth four cents, American, a quart; beans, the staple feature of the poorer Mexican's diet, costs two and a half pesos a kilogram, (a little over two pounds); lard is 15 pesos a quart. With the standard of pay for a day's work at two pesos the laboring classes are finding a hard time keeping soul and body together.

Three Yankees in Parral.
According to the messages received here the rioters have looted several

THE WAR TODAY

Riotous demonstrations occurred in Athens when an attempt was made to break up a meeting of adherents of former Premier Venizelos, supporter of the entente cause. One report says several shots were fired and that a number of the former premier's followers were arrested.

The Norwegian ship Glendown of 1,915 tons and the British steamer Harrovan of 4,300 tons have been sunk, the former by gunfire.

Another big infantry battle has been fought around Verdun and Vaux, northeast of Verdun, but reports from Berlin and Paris differ as to the result of the fighting. Both claim advantages.

The Germans are bombarding Hill 304 with their heavy guns.

The British have pushed steadily ahead and have driven in the Turks from their advanced lines on the right bank of the Tigris and occupied their lines, killing many of the Turks and taking a considerable number of prisoners.

The Italians have taken a number of trenches from the Austrians in the Suez valley but the Austrians are fighting hard to regain them.

Latest Bulletins

London, April 17. (4 p. m.)—The sinking of a neutral ship and a British steamship was reported by Lloyds today. The Norwegian ship Glendown was sunk by gun fire. The lost British steamship was the Harrovan which was unarmed.

Clinton, Iowa, April 17.—Reports that a dam in Black river had broken caused Clinton property owners today to prepare for a record breaking high stage of water in the Mississippi river at this point.

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson today approved the recommendation of the secretary of war imposing a sentence of reprimand on Lieutenant Colonel Godder of the aviation service who recently was tried by court martial in connection with charges over the conduct of the San Diego station.

Dubuque, Iowa, April 17.—Deputy Sheriff Frank Herzog, who was shot last Friday while attempting to arrest a white blow, died today at New Hampton, Iowa. The crackman, who committed suicide, was identified at J. O. Jones of Terre Haute, Ind., and Edinham, Ill.

LATE REPORT
LEADS COLOR
TO THE STORY

Impetus Is Given Tales of
Bandit's Body Being Dug
Out of Grave.

IS EXPECTED SOON

Remains of Outlaw Being
Brought to Border Town
To Be Identified.

Washington, April 17.—Secretary Baker today received a dispatch from Naco saying that General Villa was last seen heading in the direction of the place where reports yesterday said he was buried. The dispatch was taken by war department officials to mean that the reports of Villa's death might be true. The dispatch was immediately sent to President Wilson.

A telegraphic dispatch was received by General Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, from Cusuhirachic at 10:30 o'clock this morning stating that the body of Francisco Villa had not arrived there at this hour.

El Paso, Texas, April 17.—General Gavira talked today with the telegraph operator at San Antonio and obtained further details of the reported finding of Villa's body.

According to the San Antonio operator, on last Saturday, General Cavazos and Colonel Carlos Carranza, who were at Cusi, received information that a Villa band was operating in the neighborhood. Two Carranza officers with a body of men hurriedly left Cusi and engaged the Villa bandits in a combat in which many of Villa's followers were killed and wounded and some were captured.

A Villa colonel was among the captured. He begged for his life and promised to lead his captors to the grave of the bandit if they would not kill him.

The operator at San Antonio said that General Cavazos and Colonel Carranza were taken by the prisoner to San Francisco Borja, where the body is reported to have been unearthed.

Date of Death Unknown.

The operator gave no further information to General Gavira except that Villa was wounded March 27. He did not know the date of the bandit's death.

General Gavira said that as soon as he was advised the body of Villa had been brought to Cusi he would telegraph Minister of War Obregon requesting that the body be brought to Juarez. General Gavira said Villa would not be given a military funeral but he would be buried as a bandit in the Juarez potters field.

A mining concern here with a representative at Santa Barbara received a message today that that town had been attacked by bandits Saturday night. The bandits, whose identity is unknown, carried off supplies and a few horses. No casualties were reported.

Santa Barbara, a town of about 15,000 is some 15 miles from Parral.

As the hours pass without confirmation of the story of the finding of the body of Francisco Villa, Washington grows more doubtful.

Villa's body was to have reached Chihuahua City by special train some time last night but American Consul Letcher has not even forwarded the rumors as to Villa's death which must be circulating there.

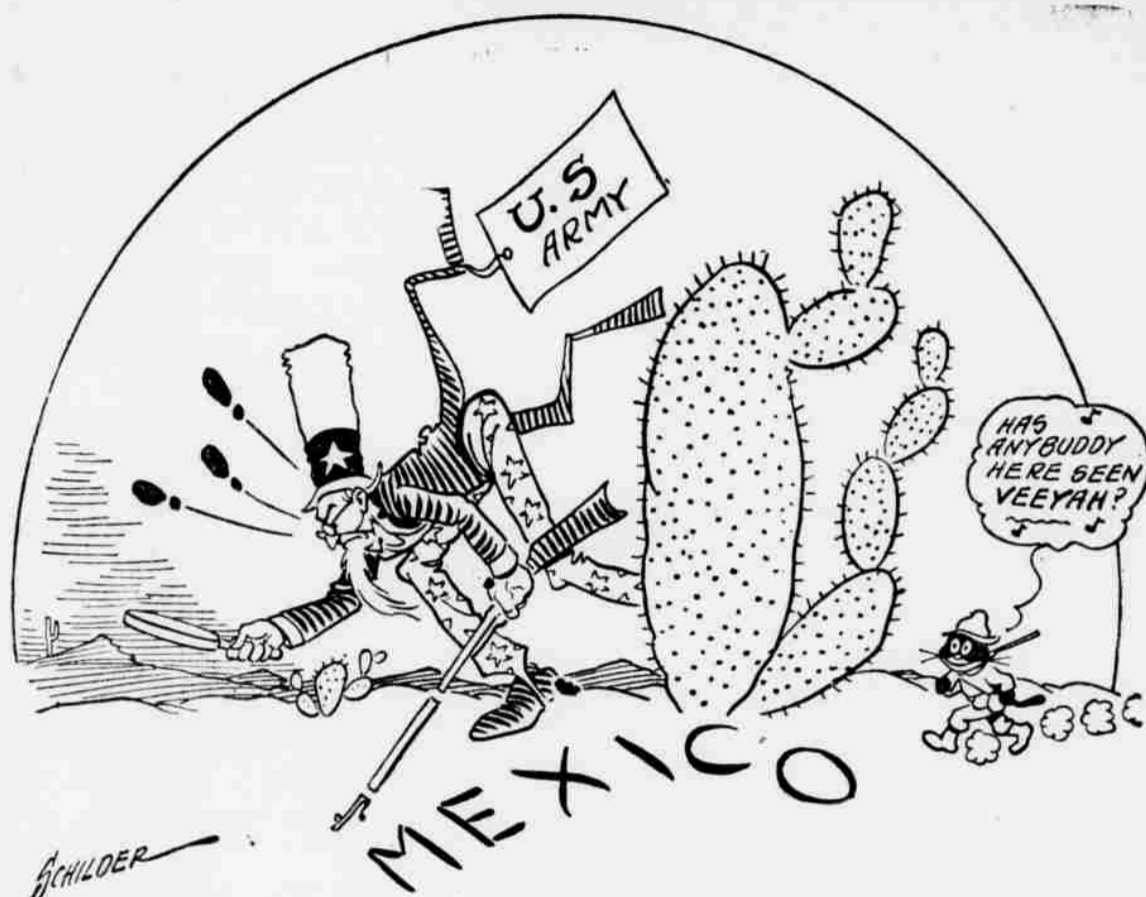
The Mexican embassy here had no additional information. Its last report from Consul Garcia at El Paso, said he was seeking confirmation.

State and war department officials refused to comment today on General Pershing's report of the Parral fight, which is much different from the version transmitted by General Carranza to support his suggestion that American troops be withdrawn. The American report shows that Carranza troops not only joined in the attack upon the little detachment of Americans but followed them several miles as they withdrew to avoid a clash.

Reply Being Prepared.

The reply to the proposal of General Carranza for withdrawal of the American forces was still in preparation today. It will outline the terms under which the United States will discuss the withdrawal of its forces and until the report of Villa's death has been confirmed no change in the program will be made.

A JOB FOR SHERLOCK HOLMES

SISAL TRADE
PUT IN HANDS
PICKED BODY

Sale of Yucatan Crop Will
Be Controlled by Federal
Commission.

Washington, April 17.—Without discussion, the senate today adopted Senator Ransdell's resolution directing the federal trade commission to supervise distribution of the available sisal in Yucatan. The commission is ready to undertake the work. The action is of much importance to the granger states which use binder twine.

The commission representing Yucatan farmers asked the senate committee to oversee the sale of the crop, but it does not come within the province of a legislative body. Chairman Davies of the federal commission has informed Senator Ransdell that it has the machinery to proceed with the distribution and will send two men to Yucatan. Senator Ransdell will introduce a resolution to put the trade commission in charge.

W. B. Spencer, counsel for the Yucatan commission announced that the plan would be satisfactory to him. Representatives of several wine companies appeared at the hearing today to enter their orders for sisal.

Alexander Legge, general manager of the International Harvester company, introduced a statement denying that his company had any interest in twine except to supply it to the farmers at the lowest cost, with a reasonable manufacturers' profit, in order to increase the advantages and economies of the company's machinery.

RETRENCH BY USING
REAL LIGHT PAPER

Washington, April 17.—The department of agriculture, in a circular issued today, recommends the use of lighter weight papers to relieve the present stringency in paper making materials. Many publishers and many users of wrapping papers have adopted this plan, it is said.

The weights of printing, writing, ledger and wrapping papers in many instances, the department suggests, can be materially and profitably reduced. This is especially true of coated papers, for which light, high finished, super-calendered papers can be substituted with advantages in price, durability and utility. In a single year the government's plan effected a total saving of \$38,000.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.

Fair tonight. Tuesday increasing cloudiness with showers, not much change in temperature.

Temperature at 7 a. m. 43. Highest yesterday 60. Lowest last night 42. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 12 miles per hour.

Precipitation .11 inch.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 79, at 7 a. m. 66, at 1 p. m. today 32.
Stage of water 14.4, a rise of 4 in last 48 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

Senate Will
Probe Price
of Gasoline

Washington, April 17.—Senator Martine's preamble to a resolution directing inquiry into the rising price of gasoline which characterized the Standard Oil company as "trust" was adopted today by the senate. The body of the resolution calling upon the attorney general to investigate was passed two weeks ago. The preamble was held up on a discussion of whether it was proper for the senate to brand the company as a trust in the light of the supreme court's dissolution decree.

KELLY LOSES IN
HIS COURT FIGHT

Millionaire Contractor Will Be
Returned to Canada to Face Charges
of Alleged Frauds.

Washington, April 17.—Thomas Kelly, a contractor, wanted in Winnipeg in connection with alleged frauds in construction of the parliament buildings there today lost his fight against extradition in the supreme court. The high court affirmed the federal court in Chicago which refused to release Kelly on habeas corpus. Canada asked for Kelly's extradition that he might be tried on a charge of obtaining \$1,250,000 by false pretenses on the parliament buildings contract. His case was argued only a few days ago and the court at special request gave a speedy consideration. Apparently no legal process is available to prevent his extradition to Manitoba.

CUTS RED TAPE TO
ASSIST CHILDREN

Springfield, Ill., April 17.—Red tape was cut by President Fred Kern of the state board of administration today when he decided that babies of feeble-minded mothers committed to the Lincoln State School and colony for feeble-minded would be cared for at the same institution.

DECATUR BUSINESS
MEN FACING ARREST

Decatur, Ill., April 17.—Wholesale arrests were made tonight of Decatur business men who on Sunday violated the new closing ordinance passed recently by the city council, said Chief of Police E. F. Willis today. Proprietors of milk depots, shoe shining parlors, flower stores, bakeries, barber shops, and dozens of other establishments are hit by the order.

PRESIDENT SIGNS
WITH FEATHER PEN

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson today signed the bill incorporating the American Academy of Arts and Letters, which includes in its membership Mr. Wilson, former President Roosevelt and other authors, publicists and artists. The president used the eagle feather pen with which he signed the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption act.

TEUTON GUNS
ATTACK HILL
OF DEAD MAN

Bombardment of French Position
Continues in the
Region of Verdun.

Paris, April 17.—French positions in Avocourt wood and on the front from Dead Man's Hill to Cumieres were bombarded yesterday. There were no infantry attacks, the official report of the afternoon says.

To the east of the Meuse the night was calm except for artillery activity at Haudremont wood.

The statement follows:
"On the left bank of the river Meuse there has been an intense bombardment of the French positions in the Avocourt wood and on the front from Le Mort Homme (Dead Man's Hill) to Cumieres."

"On the right bank of the river the night passed in relative calm except in the region to the south of Haudremont wood, where there was continued artillery activity. There were no infantry attacks during the day and night."

"During the night of April 16-17 a French air squadron composed of nine machines, during an intense fog, executed certain important bombardment operations in the region of Conflans, Pagny, Arnayville and Rombach. Projectiles were dropped on the railroad station at Conflans, the factory at Rombach, the railroad station at Arnayville and on the railroad line at Pagny and Ars."

"During the night of April 15-16, a French armed aeroplane flying over the North sea at an altitude of 300 feet threw 16 shells at a vessel of the enemy. Eleven of these missiles found their mark."

MANUFACTURERS ARE
HAMPERING SELVES

New York, April 17.—American manufacturers, particularly manufacturers of war munitions and supplies, are hampering the export of their own goods by luring sailors from the steamships to the war munition factories, says Dr. George Sidney Webster, secretary of the American Seaman's Friends society. This has been accomplished, he says, by offering higher wages than the sailor has been accustomed to receiving and he has reason to believe that the shipping and manufacturing men have been bidding against each other for the sailors' services.

DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE.

Judiciary committee failed to reach any conclusion on nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court.

Senator Newlands submitted the administration plan for continuing appropriations as an amendment to rivers and harbors bill.

Debate resumed on the army bill. Agriculture committee decided to ask the federal trade commission to supervise distribution of sisal held in Yucatan.

HOUSE.

Disposed of unanimous consent calendar business.

FINISH NOTE
TO BERLIN ON
SUBSEA CASE

Expected to Go Forward To-day
or Tomorrow to German Government.

IS POSITIVE IN TONE

No Half Measures Used in
Document Despite the
Kaiser's Attitude.

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson late today completed the communication to Germany on submarine warfare and sent for Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee for a conference probably tonight. This action was in line with the president's policy of keeping congress informed of the progress of the negotiations.

Washington, April 17.—Announcement was made at the White house today that President Wilson had practically completed consideration of the forthcoming communication to Germany and it was indicated that it probably will go forward to Berlin late today or tomorrow.

President Wilson, it was said, has been steadily engaged on the note for two days. He did not go to church yesterday but worked practically all day examining evidence submitted by the state department.

The document, officials said, will push the submarine issue to a finish. It was reiterated that the Sussex case would form only a link in the chain of evidence the United States will present to Germany to show that her promises have not been fulfilled.

The document was characterized by officials today as being very positive in tone and they believe that only a prompt acquiescence by Germany in the position taken by the United States can prevent a break in diplomatic relations.

Unofficial dispatches from Berlin indicating that the German government is ready to meet the United States more than half way, it was said, will not change the course of the American government decided on at Friday's cabinet meeting.

Cites Many Cases.
The president and his cabinet have agreed on the steps to be taken and the president is now finishing the phraseology of the proposed communication. He intends to include in the indictment of Germany's submarine campaign attacks on neutral vessels not carrying Americans. That will be done on the broad grounds of humanity and for the reason that many of these neutral vessels were going to or from the United States.

State department officials declared Ambassador Gerard at Berlin had not yet submitted a report of conversations he was reported in press dispatches last week to have had with officials of the foreign office.

DANVILLE "DRYS"
DROP LOSING FIGHT

Danville, Ill., April 17.—There will be no local option election in Danville tomorrow. When court reconvened at 9 o'clock this morning the drys took a non-suit in the case and withdrew their petition asking that 422 names be returned to the petitions calling for a local option election which had been taken off the lists by the Danville election commissioners.

Thus ends a strenuous battle between the drys and the wets, in which the drys' petition was stolen from the headquarters on the evening of filing and its mysterious return just in time for legal filing. Then came the attack of the wets of the sufficiency of the petition which was followed by the commission striking off over 4,000 names.

WILSON WELCOMES
D. A. R. DELEGATES

Washington, April 17.—Delegates from throughout the country were in attendance at the opening session here today of the 25th continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Addresses of welcome by President Wilson and Mrs. William C. Wilson, president-general, were the outstanding events on today's program.

A feature of the congress will be a discussion of national preparedness, Wednesday evening having been set apart for the purpose.

The corresponding secretary-general, 10 vice presidents-general and one honorary vice president-general are to be elected tomorrow.